

CASE # 04-00197 H.G.
USA v. David Lang Akana

DEAR JUDGE GILMORE,

I am WRITING YOU THIS LETTER TO
TRY TO HELP MY UNCLE DAVID AKANA.

HE'S MY MOM'S BROTHER, BUT WHILE
WE WERE GROWING UP HE WAS MORE OF
A FATHER TO ME.

HE TAUGHT US ALOT LIKE HOW TO
TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES. HE WOULD TAKE
ALL THE KIDS, FISHING IN THE RIVERS,
GO DIVING IN THE OCEAN, AT NITE WE
WOULD PICK OPIHI & Kupe'e.

WE WOULD GET ENOUGH TO FEED
EVERYONE. AND HE WOULD TEACH US THE
RIGHT WAY TO HUNT THESE THINGS. DON'T
TAKE MAMAS (pregnant ones) AND BABYS. JUST
PICK THE MEDIUM SIZE SO ANYTIME WE
NEEDED ALWAYS HAD. NOW DAYS EVERYBODY
JUST PICK EVERYTHING FOR MONEY. BUT
WHAT THEY DON'T REALIZE IS THAT BEFORE
THEY KNOW IT NOT GOING HAVE ANY FISH
CRAB, OPIHI LEFT.

MY GRANDMA AND ALL THE ELDERS
LOVE WHEN DAVID WENT IN THE OCEAN
BECAUSE THEY KNEW THEY WOULD GET SOME
TO THIS DAY PEOPLE ASK FOR HIM BECAUSE
THEY TO OLD TO GET THERE OWN.

HE'S ALWAYS BEEN A PROVIDER FOR ALL
OF US. HE HAS MANY CHILDREN. THEY COUNT
ON HIM FOR HIS WILLINGNESS TO DO WHAT
OTHER PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO. AND HES
POSITIVE ENERGY. HE WOULD MAKE FRIEND
WHERE EVER WE WOULD GO.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF HAWAII

FEB 15 2006

at 9:50 a.m.
SUE BEITIA, CLERK

MY UNCLE IS A SIMPLE MAN, HE TRAVELED WITH A BAG OF CLOTHES, BLANKET, LANTERN, SPEAR & FINS AND HE DROVE A BROKE TRUCK BUT WE WOULD GET WHERE WE HAD TO. WE WOULD DO ALL KINDS OF JOBS FROM PAINTING HOUSES, BREAKING DOWN HOUSES, TO REBUILD FOR PEOPLE WHO NEEDED SHELTER. WE WOULD CLEAN BEACHS ALL OVER THE ISLAND AND PLANT TREES COCONUT, BANANA, VEG, TARO, SWEET POTATOES ALL KINDS. AND MOST OF THE PEOPLE WE HELPED WERE OLDER LADIES AND FAMILYS THAT NEEDED JUST A LITTLE HELP. WE CLEARED LAND THAT HAD TREES UNDER ALL THE MESS.

THEN WE HAVE THE COFFEE FARM ITS HIS LOVE HE FELT FREE THERE HE RAISED FLOWERS POTEA AND ~~ORANGE~~ ORANGE ONES LAST YEAR WE GAVE TO THE HOSPITALS SO EVERYBODY COULD ENJOY. EVERYONE LOVED IT.

THE MOST RECENT WORK WE DID WAS CLEARING A GRAVEYARD IN PAHALA, THE ELDERS ONLY COULD GET OUT AND PUT FLOWERS BUT THEY WERE AFRAID CAUSE TO MUCH BUSHES SO WE CLEARED ALL THE RUBBISH AND WEEDS BROKEN CARS. TODAY THE ELDERS HAVE A BIG PICNIC TABLE TO EAT, VISIT THERE FAMILY AND HE PLANTED TARO SWEET POTATOES AND VEG AND ALREADY HAD BANANAS AND MANGO TREES SO EVERYBODY COULD HAVE SOME WHEN THEY CAME.

WHERE EVER WE WENT FAMILY AND FRIENDS WOULD BRING MY UNCLE GOODIES

AND MEAT, BAKED GOODS, FISH.

WE ENJOYED THE COMPANY AND THE
GOOD NANA ^(goodness) ~~(goodness)~~ WE WOULD ALWAYS GET
FROM MY UNCLE.

ANYTIME ANYONE HAD PROBLEMS
HE WOULD TALK TO US AND TRY TO HELP US
HE ALWAYS SAID SHIT HAPPENS FOR A
REASON, GOOD OR BAD THATS LIFE
DEAL WITH IT. AND TRY YOUR BEST TO
CARRY ON.

THERES NOT ENOUGH PAPER IN THE
WORLD TO EXPLAIN OR SHOW YOU THAT
HE IS NEEDED. SO ~~BY~~ I HOPE THIS LETTER
HELPS YOU TO KNOW MY UNCLE

PLEASE LET HIM HAVE ANOTHER
CHANCE, PLEASE I CONSIDER MY
UNCLE MY ELDER OR KUPUNA. AND IN
MY FAMILY. IVE BEEN THE ONE IN THE
FAMILY TO TAKE OF THEM.

MAHALO

FOR YOUR TIME

MALAMA DONO (TAKE CARE)

Carolyn Kehaulani Smith

P.S. sorry about
THE SPELLING